

ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Good

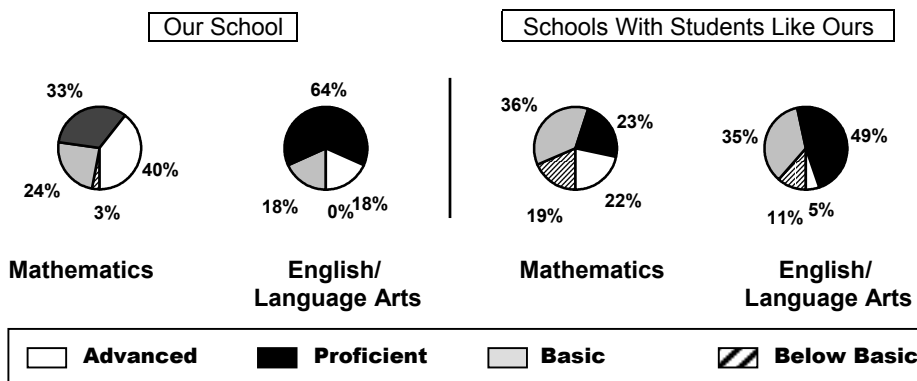
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 48.
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=66)	100	97	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=1)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=65)	100	96.9		
Gender				
Male (n=34)	100	97.1		
Female (n=32)	100	96.9		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=14)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=50)	100	98		
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=5)	N/A	N/A		
Pay for lunch (n=61)	100	96.7		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,217	N/A	\$4,793	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.8%	Down from 93.2%	90.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21 to 1	N/A	20.2 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,193)				
• Attendance Rate	96.6%	Down from 96.7%	96.6%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	0%	N/A	2.3%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	0%	N/A	1.7%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	90.9%	Down from 95.5%	94.7%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	1.7%	Up from 0.8%	2.4%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=81)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	8.1 Days	Up from 6.9	7.7 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.1%	Down from 97.5%	95.2%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	48.1%	Down from 52.5%	55.3%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	Down from 83.8%	88.3%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.5%	Up from 0%	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	79.1%	Down from 81.6%	89.6%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,334	Up 2.3%	\$38,948	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

SCHOOL	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	57.4%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	4.5	N/A	4.8	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	86.4%	N/A	97.7%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	28.3%	Up from 10.4%	27.9%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1%	Down from 1.6%	0.6%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	0	1
• Gifted and talented	28.6%	Up from 25.3%	26%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	8.4%	Down from 9.1%	7.2%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Come "Wright" along with our students, parents, business partners, faculty, staff, administrators, and the Center For Knowledge, a K-5 elementary magnet school located on our campus to share a terrific school year! We continue to develop our curriculum and advance our level of achievement and cultivate strong business community relationships. Thanks to our parents, students, and faculty, "Wright" works. Some of our achievements are:

Designated a Flagship School of Promise by the South Carolina Association of School Administrators
One of Palmetto's Finest finalists
Richland County School District Two Honor Roll and Exemplary Writing School for two consecutive years
Leadership Academy at Wright (LAW) and the Center For Knowledge (K-5) are district magnets featuring the Core Knowledge curriculum
Forty-one eighth-grade students named Junior Scholars
ALERT, AVID, PACE, Honors Language Arts/Reading, Pre-ROTC offered
All superior ratings earned by band, chorus, and orchestra at music festivals
Foreign language classes offered a field study trip to Spain and France
Concentrating on student achievement, all students receive a double block of language arts reading and math daily.
265 students taking courses for high school credit
All students participate in the Reading Renaissance program.

E.L. Wright is a 39-year-old middle school that is proud of its history for it has served the youth of its community well. Today, the school student body consists of 1,063 middle school students in grades six, seven, and eight. We flourish in the richness of diversity! All students receive a tailored academic program of study and a positive learning environment designed to assist in the growth and development of the individual student. E. L. Wright Middle School, where all students are cherished and challenged, focuses on academic excellence for all.

Michaele G. Lemrow, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	97.7	N/A	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.3	N/A	
Satisfied with home-school relations	97.7	N/A	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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E L Wright Middle
2740 Alpine Road
Columbia, SC 29223

Grades K-8 Elementary School

Enrollment: 1,193 Students

Principal

Ms. Michaele G. Lemrow 803-736-8740

Superintendent

Stephen W. Hefner 803-738-3236

Board Chair

Michael Montgomery 803-779-3500

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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